

The Toni Times

From the Desk of Councilmember Toni Atkins



October 2006

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO'S 90th BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, September 19th, Yvonne Larson, President of the Board of Trustees for the Zoological Society of San Diego and Doug Meyers, CEO/Executive Director of the Society joined me at City Council to receive a resolution from the Mayor and City Council recognizing the 90th birthday of the Zoological Society of San Diego. Joining them were Animal Ambassadors "Armando," an armadillo, and an African Hedgehog named "Bombo" - both residents of the Children's Zoo.



The Zoological Society of San Diego will celebrate its 90th birthday the month of October. Founded in 1916 by Dr. Harry Wegeforth, the Zoological Society has grown to a world class facility and destination for visitors around the world. The World Famous San Diego Zoo in beautiful Balboa Park, and its sister facility, the San Diego Wild Animal Park, draw millions of visitors annually.

The Zoological Society of San Diego has contributed to the

preservation of endangered species for many years. The San Diego Zoo was the first zoo outside of Australia to house koalas. The San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park have been the site of a number of firsts, including the birth of the first surviving panda cub, Hua Mei, born in the United States, and the hatching of the first California condor in captivity.

On November 18th, there will be a 5k Walk led by the Zoological Society's Goodwill Ambassador, Joan Embery, followed by a show at

the Wegeforth Bowl and cake cutting to celebrate their 90th birthday. Check their website sandiegozoo.org and their member magazine *ZooNooz* for updates and information of their 90th birthday celebration.

I would like to thank the Zoological Society for their efforts, both internationally and locally, towards animal and habitat conservation and for their efforts to create both educational and entertaining destinations at both the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park.

HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL DAY

On Tuesday, September 26, I had the honor of presenting a City Council resolution to Hoover High School's Boys Varsity Basketball Team. As most of you know, Hoover is a high school located in the Mid-City community of the Third Council District.

Last season, for the first time since 1962, the team of young men captured the 2006 Central League Title and the prestigious California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Championship. Hoover was also the only city conference team in Division I or II to win a state playoff game.



I joined the team; Hoover High School Principal Douglas Williams; Head Coach Ollie Goulston, and Westfield Group

members Jonathan Bradhurst, Greg Fitchitt, Sherry Jones, Michele Predko, and Jeremy Ross; and Southwest Strategies' Vice President Chris Wahl for a special check presentation.

Westfield was instrumental in helping the team purchase their championship rings. This invaluable public-private partnership between Hoover and Westfield has provided these young men with memories that will last forever.

Many thanks to the Westfield Group. Congratulations to Hoover High School. I wish you the best of luck this upcoming season!

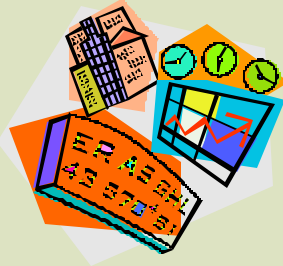
COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE

Report from the Chair

The City Council returned early from its August recess to begin the important work of implementing the financial and managerial reforms recommended by the Kroll investigation into the city's pension and disclosures crisis.

I, and the Council with me, am fully committed to implementing Kroll's recommendations and other measures that will reform the management practices that led to the crisis. The Council, city management, and even the voters have already over the past two years begun instituting new laws, procedures and policies that have tightened controls and improved oversight of the city's finances.

In 2004, the Council put on the ballot and the voters approved two charter amendments that accelerated the period for paying off the pension debt, from 30 years to 15 years, and changed the composition of the Retirement Board to bring in more professional expertise and oversight. The city also created the Disclosure Practices Working Group, a cross-departmental team led by the City Attorney's financial experts and the Auditor's office, to add an extra layer of scrutiny to the city's financial disclosures.



The Council has scheduled three special Monday morning sessions from October through December to act on the Mayor's 121-item list of follow-ups from the Kroll investigation. These items include actions such as hiring an outside overseer to monitor the city's progress on reform measures, creating a three-person audit committee to review the city's financial reports, and passing ordinances that improve the financial management of the pension system.

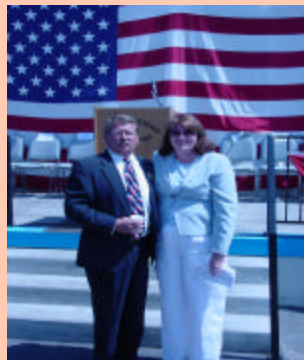
In the coming months, the Council will also review whistleblower protections; the plan for addressing the infrastructure deferred maintenance backlog; changes to the pension plan and retiree healthcare benefits; and enhanced financial training for Councilmembers.

There are many things that work well at the city, but many, many things that are broken. It is my foremost goal to leave the city better than it was when I came into office, and I will continue to work tirelessly to support and implement the reforms that are needed to see the city through to recovery.

VIETNAM VETERANS UNVEIL NEW FACILITY

For years I have been an admirer and supporter of the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego (VVSD), which provides assistance to homeless veterans of all wars. This nationally recognized organization serves homeless veterans by providing individually tailored programs that address their addictions, mental health problems, medical needs, legal and family issues and employment training and placement.

On September 8, 2006, I was pleased to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first phase of VVSD's Veterans Village which recently opened on Pacific Highway. Veterans Village will provide 112 early-treatment beds for homeless veterans, as well as a new mental health and substance abuse counseling center, and a new kitchen and dining hall.



(above) Councilmember Atkins joins Al Pavich, President and CEO of VVSD

This state of the art rehabilitative center will allow homeless veterans to get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain back their self worth and begin a new start on life. Future phases will provide additional beds, along with transitional housing, counseling facilities, and a new medical clinic.

The new facilities, along with the extraordinary efforts of VVSD staff and volunteers, are already making a dramatic difference in the lives of individual veterans, which will in turn have a positive impact on all of San Diego. If you would like to support the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego or would like additional information about their work, you can visit their website at www.vvsd.net.

THE LATEST ON ALDINE DRIVE

On September 19, 2006 City Council adopted the resolution to authorize the City Auditor and Comptroller to appropriate and expend \$3,025,556 from CIP-52-592.0 for the Aldine Drive Slope Restoration project. These funds are contingent upon receipt of fully executed Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) agreements which are underway.

The City's Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) Department has been working with the Community Steering Group in determining what type of wall will best stabilize the slope. ECP has already processed the paperwork to authorize the Visual and Historical studies. They are currently processing the paperwork to authorize the Biological and Traffic studies. Once the studies are completed, ECP along with the Community Steering Group will select a wall and proceed with design accordingly.

CHW AND VOLUNTEERS "LIFT" CITY HEIGHTS

On Saturday, October 14, from 8am to 2pm, Community HousingWorks (CHW), a San Diego-based nonprofit, will sponsor a FaceLift in the South Castle Neighborhood of City Heights. FaceLift is a spruce-up-a-block-in-a-day event that is accomplished through the help of community volunteers, neighborhood associations, and local business leaders acting as a catalyst to build pride and equity. Five to six houses in a one block radius in South Castle will receive a makeover during the one-day event. FaceLift gives priority to senior citizens, disabled persons and low-income families that need assistance to paint the exterior of their homes, provide minor landscaping, and remove trash and debris from the entire area.

Volunteers are still needed. If you'd like to participate or donate to the event, please contact:

Linda Pennington

Phone: (619) 563-4014

E-mail: lpennington@chworks.org

For more information, you may also contact my office at (619) 263-6633.

VONS DONATES TO GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN

On August 9, 2006, I joined various community members at the Golden Hill Community Garden to celebrate Vons' donation of 10 tons of compost to the garden. I even got to pull the lever in the truck that dumped the compost into the garden! Several Vons stores in the City of San Diego have diverted 2,608 tons of organic material from the Miramar Landfill in 2005. This is equivalent to 326 full trash trucks! Thanks to the City of San Diego's wonderful Environmental Services Department, San Diego has been recognized by the California Integrated Waste Management Board for diverting more than 50% of its waste stream.

This was a wonderful event and I'd like to thank all of the community members who came out and are involved in the community garden. I'd like give a big thanks to Vons for the very generous donation!



(left) Stephen Grealy, the City of San Diego's Recycling Supervisor, and Heidi Benke, Golden Hill community leader, celebrate the generous donation by Vons

(right) Councilmember Atkins prepares the truck for unloading



CREATING THE COMMUNITY WE ALL ENVISION



The Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation will hold its second in a series of four community planning events on October 21st from 9am to 1pm at the Golden Hill Recreation

Center, located at 2600 Golf Course Drive. The focus of the series of community planning events is to create an engaged community who is educated on land use issues

that affect the neighborhood. The premise is that an engaged, educated community is in a much better position to cultivate solutions to issues that may arise that affect quality of life issues. Councilmember Ben Hueso and I will be there to welcome the attendees. The first community planning event took place in March of 2006 and drew 150 participants who developed a Revitalization Action Plan that is a living plan for the partnership between the community and the CDC to implement. Hope to see you there!

301 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

I want to let you all know why I voted with the City Council majority on September 12 to approve the development at 301 University Avenue. This was a very difficult decision for me and I am sorry that in approving this project I may have disappointed some of you. As I pledged to both opponents and supporters of the project, I remained open to the discussion and didn't make a firm decision until the hearing. I also reviewed the numerous letters, phone calls and e-mails I received on the issue. In the end, I concluded that the benefits of the project outweighed the downside. Following are benefits this project will bring to the community:

1) Revitalization

301 University will replace an abandoned building with a residential and commercial center that will be pedestrian-friendly and bring new life to one of our most treasured neighborhoods. The vitality of the Hillcrest commercial core is important to both the merchants and their customers, many of whom are local residents.

2) Housing

Equally important, this project will provide a total of 96 much-needed housing units, 4 of which will be affordable rental units. The developer will also pay a fee to the city's affordable housing fund.

3) Parking

Increasing the availability of parking in an area that desperately needs it is another highlight of the 301 project. The 121 public parking spaces represent a private investment of over \$7.5 million for the public's benefit.

4) Traffic

Traffic continues to be a concern for me. A study of Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Avenues is currently underway and I will urge that a similar study be conducted on the east-west corridors of Washington Street, University and Robinson Avenues. My hope is that through innovative approaches we can ensure easy access to the area.

I know that many community members are very concerned about the scale of the project. Early on, the developer responded to these concerns by reducing the height from 14 stories to 12. Although that may still seem too tall to many, the project is actually 25% shorter than the maximum allowed by the area's Community Plan.

I did not make this decision lightly. In fact, it would have been much easier simply to vote "NO" and not address the question of how we accommodate population growth in our communities. I am a strong advocate for protecting single family neighborhoods. I do not want to lose historic structures that define our community's character. For this reason, how and where we place density becomes a very real issue and not just an academic discussion. During this process, it has become clear to me that there is much misinformation and many concerns about the current Uptown Community Plan. That is why Councilmember Kevin Faulconer and I are sponsoring a forum where we can exchange information with the community. I invite you to attend this community workshop to discuss your views about the plan and how you might want to seek to change it. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, from 9 am to 12 noon, the Recital Hall in Balboa Park.

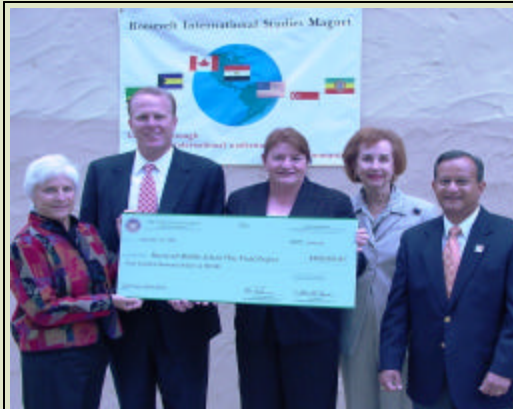
FUNDING SECURED FOR ROOSEVELT JOINT-USE FIELD

On September 14, I was honored to present a \$400,000 check to Roosevelt Middle School International Baccalaureate Magnet Principal Dr. Julie Martel. The funding would be used for a playing field that will serve the school during the day and be available to all city residents during non-school hours. I was joined at the presentation by District Two Councilmember Kevin Faulconer; Delfino Aleman, District Area Superintendent for the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD); and Ted Martinez of City Neighborhood and Customer Services, representing Mayor Jerry Sanders.

The funds come from Developer Impact Fees that are collected from new construction projects and used to mitigate the impact of these projects on public resources such as parks, fire stations, libraries, and roads. The Impact Fees for the Uptown Community Plan area, where Roosevelt is located, are distributed jointly by Councilmember Faulconer and myself. San Diego Unified will provide additional resources for the Roosevelt playing field project.

This playing field represents a true civic partnership. I particularly want to thank Councilmember Faulconer for recognizing the importance of this joint use project and joining me in allocating funds for its completion.

The check presentation kicked-off the planning process for the project at the corner of Richmond and Upas Streets, which calls for an approximately 1.8 acre natural turf multi-purpose field area with a surrounding walkway. The process will be coordinated by the city's Park and Recreation Department and the plan for the field will be reviewed by the Morley Field Recreation Council, with input from the Balboa Park Committee and the community.



(left to right) Dr. Julie Martel of Roosevelt Middle School receives a \$400,000 check from the City of San Diego for the Joint-Use Play Field Project from Councilmembers Faulconer and Atkins. Joining the presentation is Darlene Davies, Chair of the Balboa Park Committee and Delfino Aleman, San Diego Unified School District Area Superintendent.

This innovative partnership between the city and the school district increases capacity for developing expensive facilities like playing fields and maximizes the utilization of the facility once it is completed. This is particularly critical in areas like Council District Three, where residents have expressed a need for more parks.

A second similar project will be announced, and a check presented, at Birney Elementary School within the next couple of weeks. The Birney project will add 1.6 acres of natural turf to the play area at Park Boulevard

and Meade Avenue.

So far in 2006, Councilmember Faulconer and I have secured Developer Impact Fees to fully fund two other parks in the Uptown district – the Maple and Albatross Pocket Park and the West Lewis Street/Falcon Street Pocket Park. Designs for these parks are currently underway and they are expected to be completed some time in 2008.

NEIGHBORHOOD FUN & SAFETY SUNDAY IN NORTH PARK

On Sunday September 10th, I had the opportunity to attend the *Neighborhood Fun and Safety Sunday* event at the North Park community park located in the heart of North Park. The event was sponsored by the North Park Action Team along with the North Park Community Association, North Park Recreation Center, North Park Elementary School, and Global Youth Tennis. It was a fun-filled afternoon with a host of resources from a variety of organizations, live music provided by local artists, as well as children's activities. It was great to see all of the residents, children and families out there enjoying this beautiful park!



INNOVATIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN NORTH PARK AWARDED \$21.2 MILLION IN TAX CREDITS

A highly competitive state agency that awards tax credits to affordable rental housing projects has selected Arbor Terrace, a development planned for Florida Street in North Park, to be part of its program, cementing plans for 71 new two, three, and four bedroom affordable family rental housing units at that location. SADI LLC, a partnership of Squier Properties and Advanced Development & Investments, Inc., will build the project, which will include amenities and programs designed to serve the target population of low income working families who will pay rent based on the area's median family income. The project will also receive a \$6.7 million loan from the San Diego Housing Commission.

"This project will go a long way toward helping provide affordable housing in North Park and other parts of San Diego's central urban core," says Third District Councilmember Toni Atkins. "Arbor Terrace will enable working families to live close to work and school as well as to the attractions of downtown, such as Balboa Park, in a setting that provides them access to the services they need for successful living. I am pleased to have been able to join with the North Park community to support SADI throughout the process of qualifying for the tax credit program."

The tax credits awarded by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to Arbor Terrace will allow investors

to subtract an amount equal to their investment from their annual federal taxes, up to \$21.2 million. Red Capital Markets, Inc. has committed to making that investment. "Arbor Terrace is a successful example of using city resources to attract state and federal funds for the production of affordable workforce housing," says Gary Squier, a member of the development partnership. "SADI Development applauds the efforts of the City of San Diego to support quality workforce housing in the North Park Community."

The design concept for Arbor Terrace, which was reviewed and approved by the Greater North Park Planning Group, includes a three and four story Craftsman-style structure built over 1.5 levels of parking. The 71 units are comprised of 8 two bedroom flats, 15 two bedroom town houses, 34 three bedroom town houses and 14 four bedroom flats. The development will include elevators, landscaped public open space, an outdoor tot lot with play structure, private balconies for each unit, computer learning center, and a multi-purpose Community Room sized to support social service and after school programs. Amenities will include laundry facilities, free Internet access, energy efficient appliances and air conditioning. The project's management will provide connections to supportive social services as well as programs and activities conducted on the premises, all to be coordinated by an on-site services liaison.

HILLCREST SUPER CLEAN UP AND CLEAN T.E.A.M. ANNIVERSARY

Please join me and event co-sponsors the Hillcrest Clean T.E.A.M. and the Hillcrest Association for a clean and sweep through the neighborhood of Hillcrest. Meet on Sunday, November 5th at the Hillcrest Sign at 5th and University Avenue at 10am-noon. I will be recognizing the one-year anniversary of the volunteer efforts of the Hillcrest Clean T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). I hope you can join me, the Hillcrest Association and Hillcrest Clean T.E.A.M. on November 5th for a community clean up of Hillcrest.



CITY RESUMES RESIDENTIAL TREE TRIMMING

The City of San Diego earmarked funding in its fiscal year 2007 budget to perform tree trimming in various residential neighborhoods throughout the city. The schedule for areas in the Third District is as follows:

- 92115 -- July (completed)
- 92116 -- August/September (completed)
- 92103 -- October
- 92104 -- November/December
- 92105 -- January

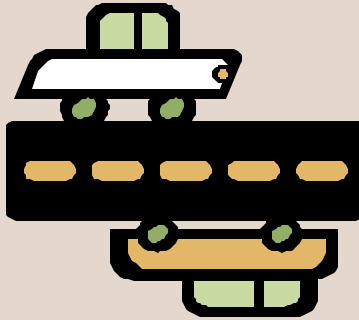


TRAFFIC AND PARKING RESOLUTIONS FOR PARK BLVD. AND ADAMS AVE.

Over the summer, University Heights residents and business owners around the Park Boulevard and Adams Avenue area created an ad-hoc meeting to address the issues of parking and traffic. San Diego City Traffic Engineer Husam Hasenin was at the meeting and presented the solutions to the addressed issues at the September University Heights Community Association meeting. In case you missed that meeting, let me summarize for you the changes that will be made to improve the area.

The City is going to:

- (1) modify existing "PARK PARALLEL" signs at the western end of Adams Avenue to read "PARK PARALLEL TO CURB" for clarity,
- (2) install an "END" warning sign at the western end of Adams Avenue,
- (3) install a "STOP" sign on North Avenue at Adams Avenue,
- (4) install a short double yellow centerline stripe



on North Avenue at Adams Avenue to discourage westbound left turning traffic from driving on the wrong side of the road,

(5) relocate exiting "NO OUTLET" sign on for westbound traffic on Adams Avenue at North Avenue for better visibility,

(6) install red curb at the intersection of Adams Avenue and North Avenue,

(7) install red curb at the intersection of Madison Avenue and Alley east of North Avenue,

(8) install red curb at the base of the existing traffic circle on Mission Cliff Drive, and

(9) install "Keep Right" symbol signs at the existing traffic circle on Mission Cliff Drive instructing traffic to stay to the right of the circle.

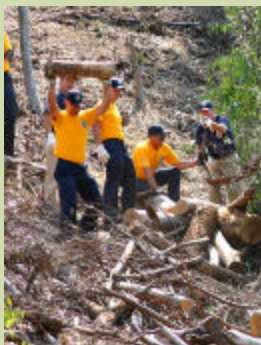
I hope that these modifications will help improve the traffic and parking problems in this section of University Heights.

SOUTH PARK WALK-ABOUT

The next South Park Walk-About, South Park's signature community event, will take place on Oct. 6th from 6pm to 10pm. Come mix and mingle with your neighbors and enjoy this pedestrian oriented event - all shops open late.

NAVY VOLUNTEERS ASSIST IN BALBOA PARK (photos courtesy of Alyssa Wolven)

Over 700 Navy volunteers gathered in the Organ Pavilion parking lot on September 7th before fanning out through Balboa Park in smaller groups to assist the Park Rangers and maintenance staff with much needed maintenance on the west side and central area.



OCTOBER IS... INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

(courtesy of the City Heights CDC)

Join kids and families across the globe...walk or bike to school

More than 6,000 elementary school students along with teachers, parents and community leaders hit the streets Wednesday, October 4 joining schools from around the world celebrating International Walk to School Day.

The event was organized by the City Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) as a community-wide effort to promote pedestrian and driver safety and advocate for safer crosswalks and pedestrian safety measures and neighborhood improvement.

Accidental injuries are the leading cause of death for children in San Diego. Nearly 300 children were admitted to Rady Children's Trauma Center last year for pedestrian and bicycle related injuries, which is, on average, almost one child per day.

"Keeping our kids safe requires everyone's help", says Cheri Fidler, Director of the Center for Healthier Communities at Rady Children's Hospital and partner for the effort.

For this reason, CHCDC brought together 9 elementary schools which are no more than 1 mile apart from each other,

and worked with the San Diego Unified School District, Rady Children's Hospital, City of San Diego Traffic Engineering, Blue Cross of California, SANDAG, San Diego Police, Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, FedEx and City Council Districts 3 and 7.

The City Heights elementary schools which participated this year were Central, Marshall, Edison, Ibarra, Horton, Adams, Hamilton, Cherokee Point, and Euclid. Each school held different activities during the week, but carried a common message: "Slow Down! City Heights Walks to School." Blue Cross of California sponsored yellow t-shirts that portrayed this message and unified students across the neighborhood.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

Why Promote Walking and Bicycling?

Communities are using the walk or bike to school as the first step to change community culture and create environments that are more inviting for everyone, young and old. Here are some reasons to support walking and biking to school:

- * To enhance the health of kids: Increased physical activity can combat a host of health problems facing kids today.
- * To improve air quality and the environment: Replacing car trips to school with walking or bicycling can help reduce air pollution.
- * To create safer routes for walking and bicycling: Sidewalks, education programs and traffic calming measures are some of the ways to improve conditions.



DISTRICT THREE

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MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)
Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

City Heights Area Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue
Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way
Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.
Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.
Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm
Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard
Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am
Contact: 619/282-7329

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am
at the Metro Career Center Community Room,
3910 University Avenue.
Phone: 619/516-2282

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard
Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am
Contact: 619/283-3608

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm
Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am
Contact: 619/294-2501

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.
Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm
Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor
Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

DISTRICT THREE STAFF

Denise Price, Chief of Staff.

Dale Kelly Bankhead, Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; special orders of business.

April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights; African-American community liaison; homeless and senior issues.

Daisy Gordon Crompton, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance; housing issues.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; City Heights redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, health and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants; newsletter; webpage.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

Monica Pelaez, Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; infrastructure, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, BID Council.

District Three Community/ Neighborhood Meetings

City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: 619/285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. 619/584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd. For more information contact Everardo Aguilar at Everardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. For more information, contact Laurie Carlock at (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse. Contact: 619/696-9992.

Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: Meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: info@northparksd.org

South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

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